

§ 173.423 Requirements for multiple hazard limited quantity Class 7 (radioactive) materials.

(a) Except as provided in § 173.4, when a limited quantity radioactive material meets the definition of another hazard class or division, it must be—

- (1) Classed for the additional hazard;
- (2) Packaged to conform with the requirements specified in § 173.421(a)(1) through (a)(5) or § 173.424(a) through (g), as appropriate; and

(3) Offered for transportation in accordance with the requirements applicable to the hazard for which it is classed.

(b) A limited quantity Class 7 (radioactive) material which is classed other than Class 7 in accordance with this subchapter is excepted from the requirements of §§ 173.422(a), 172.203(d), and 172.204(c)(4) of this subchapter if the entry “Limited quantity radioactive material” appears on the shipping paper in association with the basic description.

§ 173.424 Excepted packages for radioactive instruments and articles.

A radioactive instrument or article and its packaging is excepted from the specification packaging, shipping paper and certification, marking and labeling requirements of this subchapter and requirements of this subpart, if:

(a) Each package meets the general design requirements of § 173.410;

(b) The activity of the instrument or article does not exceed the relevant limit listed in Table 7 in § 173.425;

(c) The total activity per package does not exceed the relevant limit listed in Table 7 in § 173.425;

(d) The radiation level at 10 cm (4 in) from any point on the external surface of any unpackaged instrument or article does not exceed 0.1 mSv/hour (10 mrem/hour);

(e) The radiation level at any point on the external surface of a package bearing the article or instrument does not exceed 0.005 mSv/hour (0.5 mrem/hour), or, for exclusive use domestic shipments, 0.02 mSv (2 mrem/hour);

(f) The nonfixed (removable) radioactive surface contamination on the external surface of the package does not exceed the limits specified in § 173.443(a);

(g) Except as provided in § 173.426, the package does not contain more than 15 grams of uranium-235; and

(h) The package is otherwise prepared for shipment as specified in § 173.422.

§ 173.425 Table of activity limits—excepted quantities and articles.

The limits applicable to instruments, articles, and limited quantities subject to exceptions under §§ 173.421 and 173.424 are set forth in Table 7 as follows:

TABLE 7.—ACTIVITY LIMITS FOR LIMITED QUANTITIES, INSTRUMENTS, AND ARTICLES

Nature of contents	Instruments and articles		Materials package limits ¹
	Limits for each instrument or article ¹	Package limits ¹	
Solids:			
Special form	$10^{-2}A_1$	A_1	$10^{-3}A_1$
Normal form	$10^{-2}A_2$	A_2	$10^{-3}A_2$
Liquids:			
Tritiated water:			
<0.0037 TBq/liter (0.1 Ci/L)			37 TBq (1,000 Ci)
0.0037 TBq to 0.037 TBq/L (0.1 Ci to 1.0 Ci/L)			3.7 TBq (100 Ci)
>0.037 TBq/L (1.0 Ci/L)			0.037 TBq (1.0 Ci)
Other Liquids	$10^{-3}A_2$	$10^{-1}A_2$	$10^{-4}A_2$
Gases:			
Tritium ²	$2 \times 10^{-2}A_2$	$2 \times 10^{-1}A_2$	$2 \times 10^{-2}A_2$
Special form	$10^{-3}A_1$	$10^{-2}A_1$	$10^{-3}A_1$
Other form	$10^{-3}A_2$	$10^{-2}A_2$	$10^{-3}A_2$

¹For mixtures of radionuclides see § 173.433(d).

²These values also apply to tritium in activated luminous paint and tritium adsorbed on solid carriers.

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§ 173.426 Excepted packages for articles containing natural uranium or thorium.

A manufactured article in which the sole Class 7 (radioactive) material content is natural or unirradiated depleted uranium or natural thorium and its packaging is excepted from the specification packaging, shipping paper and certification, marking, and labeling requirements of this subchapter and requirements of this subpart if:

- (a) Each package meets the general design requirements of § 173.410;
- (b) The outer surface of the uranium or thorium is enclosed in an inactive sheath made of metal or other durable protective material;
- (c) The conditions specified in § 173.421(a) (2), (3) and (4) are met; and
- (d) The article is otherwise prepared for shipment as specified in § 173.422.

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§ 173.427 Transport requirements for low specific activity (LSA) Class 7 (radioactive) materials and surface contaminated objects (SCO).

(a) In addition to other applicable requirements specified in this subchapter, low specific activity (LSA) materials and surface contaminated objects (SCO), unless excepted by paragraph (d) of this section, must be packaged in accordance with paragraph (b) or (c) of this section and must be transported in accordance with the following conditions:

- (1) The external dose rate must not exceed an external radiation level of 10 mSv/h (1 rem/h) at 3 meters from the unshielded material;
- (2) The quantity of LSA and SCO material in any single conveyance must not exceed the limits specified in Table 9;
- (3) LSA material and SCO that are or contain fissile material must meet the applicable requirements of §§ 173.451 and 173.467;
- (4) Packages must meet the contamination control limits specified in § 173.443;

(5) External radiation levels must comply with § 173.441; and

(6) For LSA material and SCO required by this section to be consigned as exclusive use:

(i) Shipments must be loaded by the consignor and unloaded by the consignee from the conveyance or freight container in which originally loaded;

(ii) There must be no loose Class 7 (radioactive) material in the conveyance, however, when the conveyance is the packaging there must be no leakage of Class 7 (radioactive) material from the conveyance;

(iii) Packages must be braced so as to prevent shifting of lading under conditions normally incident to transportation;

(iv) Specific instructions for maintenance of exclusive use shipment controls must be provided by the offeror to the carrier. Such instructions must be included with the shipping paper information;

(v) Except for shipments of unconcentrated uranium or thorium ores, the transport vehicle must be placarded in accordance with subpart F of Part 172 of this subchapter;

(vi) For domestic transportation only, packages are excepted from the marking and labeling requirements of this subchapter. However, the exterior of each nonbulk package must be stenciled or otherwise marked "Radioactive—LSA" or "Radioactive—SCO", as appropriate, and nonbulk packages that contain a hazardous substance must also be stenciled or otherwise marked with the letters "RQ" in association with the above description; and

(vii) Except when transported in an industrial package in accordance with Table 8, transportation by aircraft is prohibited.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section, LSA material and SCO must be packaged as follows:

(1) In an industrial package (IP-1, IP-2 or IP-3; § 173.411), subject to the limitations of Table 8;

(2) For domestic transportation only, in a DOT Specification 7A (§ 178.350 of this subchapter) Type A package. The requirements of § 173.412 (a), (b), (c) and (k) do not apply;